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STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I
FA Route 313 (U. S. 34)
Carman Road to Monmouth
Henderson & Warren Counties
Job No. P-94-030-95
Catalog No. 031314-00

Ms. Mary Gade
Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2200 Churchhill Road
Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Ms. Gade:

Enclosed is a copy of the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the US Route 34 project. This project begins east of Gulfport, IL in Henderson County and extends to Monmouth, IL in Warren County. As a cooperating agency you are requested to review and comment on areas of the report which fall under your jurisdiction or area of expertise. This provides us an opportunity to address comments and provide the necessary revisions to the document before the DEIS is signed and made available to the public.

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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
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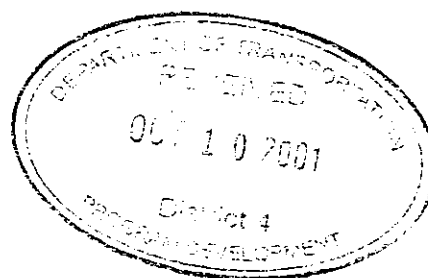
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October 9, 2001

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 IL Department of Transportation
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Re: Draft EIS for US Route 34

Dear Mr. Crowe:

Thank you for opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the US Route 34 project.

The Agency has no objections to the project; however insufficient information was submitted to determine if construction permits will be needed for water main relocation or new construction. Please contact Jerry Kuhn of the Division of Public Water Supplies at 217/782-9470 for further information.

Sincerely,

Bernard P. Killian
 Deputy Director



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Illinois State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL 62706

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September 26, 2001

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Re: FA Route 313 (U.S. 34)
Henderson & Warren Counties

Attn: Eric S. Therkildsen

Dear Mr. Crowe:

Thank you for providing the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) with a copy of the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that was prepared for the U.S. Route 34 project in Henderson and Warren Counties. In the letter that accompanied the preliminary DEIS, you asked the IDA, as a cooperating agency, to review and comment on areas of the document that fall under our area of jurisdiction so necessary revisions can be made before the DEIS is signed and made available to the public.

Enclosed are our comments on the portions of the preliminary DEIS that address agricultural issues. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our comments, please contact Jim Hartwig of my staff at 217-785-4470.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the DEIS before it is circulated to the public.

Sincerely,

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Division Manager, Natural Resources

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Enclosures

cc: John Rowley, IDOT
Paula Green, IDOT

